

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:) Group Art Unit: 2182
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 Pecone et al.) Examiner: Peyton
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 Serial No.: 09/967,194) Confirmation No.: 6054
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 Filed: September 28, 2001) Customer No.: 22442
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 Atty. File No.: 4430-32)
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 For: "MODULAR ARCHITECTURE FOR A
 NETWORK STORAGE CONTROLLER" *Filed Electronically*

Mail Stop Amendments
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of December 12, 2007. A Request for one-month Extension of Time is being filed concurrently herewith. Although the Applicants believe that no additional fees are due for filing this Amendment and Response, please charge any fees deemed necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the claims are respectfully requested.